GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Check on Capitation Fee by Colleges
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that private educational institutions in the country especially professional colleges are charging huge capitation fee from students;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to check this trend;
(c) whether the Government proposes to take measures to ensure that higher education is within the reach of deserving candidates from the poorer strata of society; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SH. PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)
(a) & (b): Yes Madam. There have been complaints of charging of capitation fee by some professional colleges. In order to regulate this, and in accordance with the Supreme Court of India's directions, a National Fee Committee under the chairmanship of Justice B. N. Shrikrishna was constituted for fixing norms and guidelines for charging of tuition and development fees in case of professional courses. The Committee submitted its report recommending upper limits of fee that can be charged by the professional colleges, which shall not include capitation fee. Therefore, any Institution reported to be charging capitation fee shall be liable for punitive action under the AICTE Approval Process Handbook.
(c) & (d) : To bring the higher education within the reach of deserving students, apart from implementing the recommendations of National Fee Committee, the following measures have been taken:
a) Providing scholarships for girl students under the Pragati Scholarship scheme
b) Scholarships for the differently-abled under the SAKSHAM scheme
c) Scholarships for the post-graduate engineering education through GATE exam
d) Research fellowships for pursuing PhD programme.
e) Tuition fee waiver for economically backward students.
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